### **MINUTES**

## TOWN OF LOS GATOS SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMISSION CIVIC CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS 110 EAST MAIN STREET, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 1, 2008 MEETING

NO.	ITEM	ACTION ON ITEM
Ī.	MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS	The Special Transportation and Parking Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Chair Ed La Veque welcomed the Alpine Avenue residents and introduced Todd Capurso, the new Director of the Parks and Public Works Department and the members of the Transportation and Parking Commission.  Ed La Veque asked the Alpine Avenue residents to introduce themselves and thanked them for their participation at this meeting.  Todd Capurso introduced the staff from the Parks & Public Works
		Department and Police Department.
П.	ROLL CALL	Commissioners Present: Chair Ed La Veque, Ed Stahl, Collette Lynner, Erik Wilhelmsen, and Chris Tanimoto.
		Commissioners Absent: Bruce Entin and Dick Anderson
		Staff: Todd Capurso, Director of Parks and Public Works Kevin Rohani, Assistant Director of Parks and Public Works Sergeant JR Langer, Police Department Captain Dave Gravel, Police Department Jessy Pu, Traffic Engineer Tim Kawasaki, Administrative Analyst Dorrie Romero, Administrative Secretary
		Alpine Avenue Residents: Len and Patricia Viale (50 Alpine), Bruce Mitchell (98 Alpine), Pamela Nerney and Greg Walker (47 Alpine),
		Kathryn Knudsen (25 Alpine) and Janice Gali (57 Alpine)
Ш.	VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS	There were no verbal communications heard at this meeting.
IV.	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
	A. Alpine Avenue Neighborhood Background/Parking Concerns	Ed La Veque stated that the purpose of this meeting was to listen and discuss new and ongoing parking and traffic issues from the residents. The information discussed will be used to formulate recommendations to be brought forth at the next meeting on October 9, 2008.
	B. Traffic Data Collected	Kevin Rohani provided a comparison of the data collected from July 2008 and September 2008 in the neighborhood to determine if the area met the criteria for a Traffic Calming Program.
		Month85th Percentile SpeedCar Volume per DayJuly 200829.8622September 200828.7653

# ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – (cont.)

#### Traffic Data Collected

The data collected demonstrated that there was no substantial increase to merit a Traffic Calming Program.

Resident Pamela Nerney expressed that the data presented could be skewed due to the recent outreach to the staff, parents and students of the high school; resulting in a reduction of the parking issues. **Kevin Rohani** stated that he appreciated her point.

JR Langer reported that the ongoing outreach with the Los Gatos High School staff, parents and students and management with Parlour 308 has helped minimize the parking and traffic issues. The most recent parking count resulted in an average of 10 cars per day; with a difference of 4 cars from last year's data.

**JR** Langer reported that he will continue to work with the management of Parlour 308 and reported the following progress:

- Staff is now parking on Johnson Avenue.
- Permits were purchased for Parking Lot 8.
- Management continues to urge staff not to park on Alpine Avenue.

Resident Len Viali stated that JR Langer has done a great job with outreach with the high school, although his efforts with the salon do not appear to be as successful as he has witnessed the same cars parked in the area.

Resident Pamela Nerney stated that the parking issues with the high school are ongoing and will require maintenance, whereas, she identifies the salon as the problem.

### C. Discussion and Options

The following concerns were discussed by the Alpine Avenue residents:

- Outreach although it has played an integral role in a 25% reduction in parking, a long-term solution still needs to be implemented.
- Parking Lot 8 suggested that this parking lot be made into long-term parking and make Alpine Avenue restricted parking.
- Parking Permit suggested that Alpine Avenue be included in the Olive Zone.
- Parking Sensors reported the presence of the sensors has improved traffic on the street.
- Parlour 308 stated that the salon is the source of the problem; requested that additional permits be purchased due to the increase of staff and to reduce the overflow of parking; recommend that staff park in the back lot of the salon.

	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION -	
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	Discussions and Options	<ul> <li>Safety – observed that 15% to 20% of high school students speed in excess of the posted 25 mph speed limit; address the hazardous driving conditions when driving down the narrow street, especially at the bottom of the hill where visibility is poor.</li> <li>Speed Humps – recommended placement to reduce vehicle speed and volume on the street. Kevin Rohani replied that this area does not meet the criteria and referred the residents to review the Town's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy.</li> <li>Speed Limit – question was asked if the speed limit could be reduced. Todd Capurso replied that the reduction of speed limits are regulated by State law and would be considered only if the 85th percentile speed is higher than what motorists drive on a given road. Speed studies are conducted every five years. If changed, the speed limit needs to be sustainable and enforceable.</li> </ul>
	·	Ed La Veque asked which day of the week the garbage is collected by West Valley Collection and Recycling. Resident Patricia Viale stated that the pick-up is between 6:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. She also expressed that due to Parlour 308 being open late that they usually have to put their garbage out later in the evening around 10:00 p.m.
		Collette Lynner suggested "Alternate Side Parking" which would dictate the side of the street cars can park on a given day to ensure efficient flow of traffic.
		Resident <b>Bruce Mitchell</b> expressed that he did not appreciate the position that was coming from the staff.
		Resident Len Viali stated that solving the parking issues will solve the safety issues.
		Resident <b>Greg Walker</b> would like to make sure that the criteria will not discount them from the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program.
	D. Next Steps	The Transportation and Parking Commission will re-evaluate the information discussed before making any recommendations to the Town Council.
	E. Summarize	The Transportation and Parking Commission continues to recognize that traffic and parking are the main concerns affecting the residents of Alpine Avenue and understands their frustrations. The Commission will present and review the recommendations to the residents before it goes to the Town Council.
V.	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.